

Calumet Township

Lake County, Indiana

NEW MILLENNIUM

TOWNSHIP BOARD



Dozier T. Allen, Jr.
— Trustee —



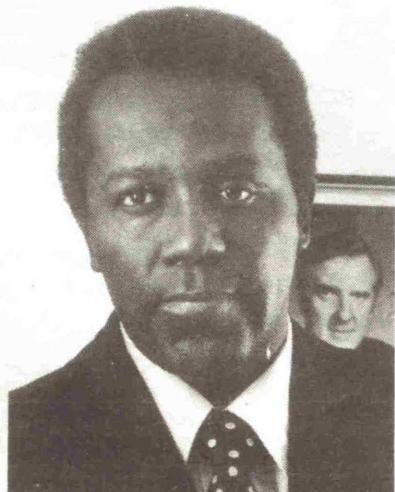
Joel H. Harris
Board Chairman



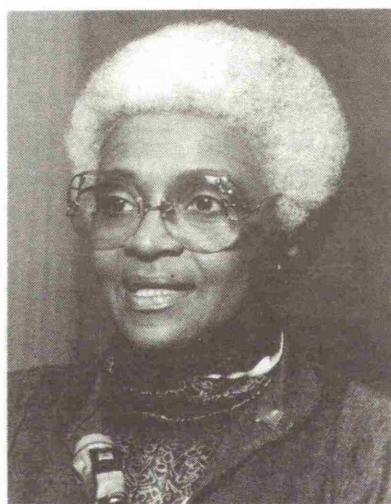
Roosevelt Allen Jr.
Finance Chairman

**SAY NO TO POVERTY HELP SOMEONE
GET AN EDUCATION**

LOCAL BLACK HISTORY MAKERS CHRONICLE



RICHARD HATCHER



CAROLYN MOSBY

*Congratulations to our Black History Makers
Mayor Scott L. King*

THESE AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE

1st **IN THEIR FIELD**

Welcome to Millennium 2000! In the third year of our black history publication we are proud of our current line-up of our 'African American FIRSTS' alumni. Looking back on our history it is truly a wonder when our children can see whom the first black child born in Gary was. Or history in the making events when our city saw it's first black mayor, it's first black female deputy mayor and first black female judge. The city of Gary is rich with contributions from the African American community. We believe these 'firsts' serve as motivators for our children, who are the leaders of our future. We are always looking for more 'firsts' to add to our list. If you know of a 'first' please send their name(s) and accomplishments to us. We will be glad to add them to our list.

CHARLES ADKINS
Olympic Boxing Champion

ADDIE ALLEN
Florist Owner

DOZIER T. ALLEN, SR.
Gary retail service station owner

DOZIER T. ALLEN, JR.
1st Councilman-at-Large born in Gary
Calumet Township Trustee
Democratic Precinct Organization Chairman

J. CLAUDE ALLEN
Pastor & Bishop of the Colored Methodist Church

WILLIAM J. ALLEN
Calumet Township Constable/Policeman

ROBERT ANDERSON
Democrat elected official in Gary,
5th District Councilman

WILLIAM ANDREWS
President of Local Union #1010

JAMES BAKER
Director of USS Workers #31,
Sub-District

DICK BARNETT
Professional Basketball Player

HARON BATTLE
Assistant Superintendent for Gary Community School

MAURICE BEAN
American Diplomat

JOHN BOLDEN
Gary Detective

LONNIE BOLDEN
Firefighter

MARTIN VAN BUREN BOLDEN
Pastor St. Paul Baptist Church

MARY BOLDEN
Restaurant Owner

CHARLES BOONE
Gary Police Chief

HOYTE C. BROWN
Justice of Peace

JEWELL BURKIN
Cleaning Plant Owner

WILLIAM BURKE
Gary Police Officer

SHIRLEY BYNUM
Female selected Councilwoman of 2nd
District/Councilwoman



Suzette Rags

LOUIS CALDWELL
Gary Deputy/City Attorney

BERNARD CARTER
Lake County Prosecutor/Attorney

VIVIAN CARTER
Record Company Owner/Discover of the Beatles

RUDY CLAY
State Senator/County Commissioner/County
Recorder//Democratic Party

MITCHELL COLEMAN
Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church

J.D. COOKE
Gary Publisher/Editor of Gary Sun

JESSE COOPWOOD
Radio Station Manager

CORNELIUS V. DIXON
Dentist/Humanitarian

TOM GILLESPIE
Ford Franchise Dealer

TERRY GRAY
City Council-at-Large/Attorney

R.D. GUY
Funeral Director

KATIE HALL
Female Member of the Congress/Gary City
Clerk/Sponsor of MLK

MAE HALL
Clothier

GATEWOOD VON HARDIMAN
Gary Police Motor Cyclist

W.A. HARDY
Gary Physician

RICHARD G. HATCHER
Mayor of Gary, Indiana

ROBERT HEDRICK
Gary Hospital Physician

WILLIAM HOLDEN
Business Owner/Cobbler

ALFONSO HOLIDAY, SR.
Fire Chief

JAMES HOLLAND
Deputy Mayor/Educator

EDDIE HONESTY
Radio Announcer

JOHN HOWARD
Calumet Township Trustee Board Member/
Civil Rights Activist

PAULINE HUDSON
Policewoman



Roy Pratt

EDWARD "DOC" JAMES
President of Teamsters #142

ERNEST JONES
Superintendent of Gary Public Schools/Educator

BILL JOINER
NBD Bank Executive

JAMES KIMBROUGH
Superior Court Judge/Attorney

JESSIE MITCHELL
Gary Councilwoman, 4th District

FRANK PERRY
County Councilman

EUGENE POWELL
Postmaster

ROY PRATT
Library Board Member/Councilman-at-large/Educator

SUZETTE RAGGS
Female Deputy Mayor

HILDA RICHARDS
Chancellor of IUN/Educator

ROBERT RUCKER
Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court/Judge

PHYLLIS SENEGAL
Female Superior Court Judge/Attorney

EDWARD "HAWK" SIMMONS'
Great Lakes Heating & Cooling Employee

BUSE THURMAN SMITH
Councilman of 2nd District

J.D. SMITH
Gary Athletic Director/Coach

JEANETTE STRONG
Vice Chairperson of the Lake County Democratic
Central Committee/Civil Rights Activist

AL THOMAS, SR.
Member of Gary Housing Authority/
Community Activist

LORRAINE DUNCAN-WASHINGTON
Child born in Gary, Indiana

ARTHUR B. WHITLOCK
Councilman of 5th District

JOHN WHITLOCK
Assistant Fire Chief in the United State

ALEXANDER WILLIAMS, III
Coroner/Gary resident elected to a County Office

KAREN FREEMAN-WILSON
Gary, Indiana Civil Rights Commissioner/
City Judge/Attorney/Attorney General

FREDERICK WORK
City Judge/Attorney



Katie Hall

NO SACRIFICES – NO FREEDOM

LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

Former Councilman-at-Large and Current Councilman-at-Large

In our efforts to continue to accumulate 'firsts' for our annual black history magazine we are highlighting an astonishing accomplishment for a family in our community.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Never in the history of Gary, Indiana for the office of Councilman-at-Large has there been a Father and Son to hold the same political office until now. On January 4, 2000, Kyle Allen, Sr. was sworn in as Gary City Councilman-at-Large, 32 years to the day that his father, Dozier T. Allen, Jr. had been sworn into the same position.

The Allen family had its beginning of being 'firsts' with the Late Dozier T. Allen, Sr. The late Mr. Allen a business owner was the first black man to own a retail gas service station in the city of Gary.

Trustee Allen followed in his father's footstep and became an entrepreneur. But his attention to supply and demand went beyond the accomplishment of being a businessman. As an individual who studied the habits of consumers, he saw many that were unable to provide economically for their families. It was this drive that sparked the genesis of his life as a public servant.



Calumet Township Trustee Dozier T. Allen, Jr. and his son, Councilman-at-Large Kyle Allen, Sr.

Although Allen was effective in his role as Councilman-at-Large he wanted an opportunity to do even more for the economically deprived. It was then that he made a move to become Chief Deputy of the Calumet Township Trustee

office and then to the position of Trustee.

The Trustee states that even though he enjoys his work and finds it highly rewarding, he never thought any of his children even considered a political career. Very proud of his son's entrance into the public official arena Allen stated: "Watching my children grow into their individual personas I never knew which one or if any of them would want to follow in my footsteps of living the life of a public servant. I am more than simply proud of Kyle I am inspired."

The office of Councilman-at-Large for the Allen family has always been viewed as an excellent entry into the political arena. Councilman-at-Large Allen also believes and agrees with his father that the office is one of honor. Both Allens are now holding political office, Kyle in his current position as Councilman-at-Large and Trustee Allen is and has been Trustee of Calumet Township for 30 years.

Arriving in the Millennium: Our history behind us, our future before us

The range, direction, and intent of vision for the African American in this new Millennium should begin as a blank "artist's canvas", void of past regrets, mistakes and remembrances that would mar our objectives. Leaving this collection of emotionally draining baggage in the past does not mean that we should forget the past. What it does mean is that we should learn the lessons, let go and move on.

Yes, it sounds simple and that's because it is. The energy it takes to continue to hold on to the past could be better used invested in devising a present and a future that improves the controlling factors that dictate our lives.

One such factor is how we conduct ourselves in the new information age that we are currently living in. Grab hold of the reigns of this powerful tool; garner the knowledge needed to utilize it to its fullest potential. For the first time in our history as Americans we have an opportunity to become true power brokers of our destiny through this medium. Our ancestors were stifled because of laws that did not permit the educating and the ownership of property for blacks. Their diligence for a better life has removed those stumbling blocks. Gone are the barriers that held our people in the grips of educational poverty. We have accessibility to education and information as never before. The wall of oppression is crumbling daily.

I refuse use this new "artist's canvas" to paint a bleak portrait of a Herculean mountain of continuing obstacles that will hopefully and eventually lead us into the promise of better conditions. Rather, the creation should be one of shining and inspirational brilliance. I also refuse to create this masterpiece alone. I invite you to grab a brush and help me paint with shades of hope, hues of effort, tints of cooperation, tones of agreement and together we can create a work of art that our ancestors and we can be proud of.

I challenge you to meditate on and fully analyze this statement and what it may mean to you: "We may not be responsible for our beginnings, but as adults we are responsible for where we are and where & how we end".

Ponder on that; tell me your thoughts.
Welcome to the Millennium!

SAY NO TO POVERTY:



VALARIE LEVY

GET AN EDUCATION

*Follow the Examples of These
Local & State Black History Makers*

FRITZ ALEXANDER SR.
Attorney/Community Leader & Pioneer

FRITZ ALEXANDER JR.
Attorney/Assistant Attorney General

A. T. ALLEN
Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church,
St. John Baptist Church & Pioneer

CLEMMONS ALLEN JR.
Councilman-At-Large

DOROTHY ALLEN
Former Councilperson-At-Large, Gary Council

J. CLAUDE ALLEN
Pastor and Bishop of the Colored Methodist Church

JOE ALLEN SR.
Business Owner/Cobbler

JOSEPH ALLEN SR.
Indiana Black Legislative Caucus Member/
Representative

JULIAN ALLEN
Attorney/Community Activist

KYLE ALLEN SR.
Gary Councilman-at-Large

PARIS ALLEN
Ph.D., Bacteriologist

ROOSEVELT ALLEN JR. *Mary Brown*
Township Board Member, Funeral Director

ROOSEVELT ALLEN SR.
Funeral Director

L. T. ALLISON
Former Councilman, 3rd District, Gary Council

F. LAURENCE ANDERSON
Attorney/Community Activist

WARREN ANDERSON
Educator/Historian

JAMES ASBERRY
Froebel High School Basketball Player/Educator

WALTER ASBERRY
Froebel High School Basketball Player/Educator

FRANK BALLARD
3rd District Councilman/Educator

MAURICE BAPTISTE
Business Owner/Community Activist

PERCY ANDERSON BARBER
Centenarian Activist/Million Woman March Activist

YVONNE PORTER-BARGE
United Steelworkers Representative

THOMAS V. BARNES, ESQ.
Attorney/Assessor/Mayor of Gary, Indiana

FANNIE BENFORD
Business Owner/Community Activist

C. E. BENNETT
Former Pastor, St. Home Church of God in Christ

E. L. BERT
Tailor/Businessman/Pioneer

D. A. BETHA
Gary Pioneer/President of the NAACP

LEROY BINGHAM
Gary's Pioneer African American Dentist

MORNING BISHOP
Producer and Director of Morning Bishop Playhouse

SIDNEY ROSS-BLACKMON
Community Activist/Entrepreneur

SAM BLACKWELL
Physician/City Councilman

BOOKER BLUMENBERG JR.
Assessor/Policeman

MAE BOLTON
Restaurant Owner

AL BOSWELL
Newspaper Columnist/Historian/Actor

DIANE ROSS-BOSWELL
Attorney/Deputy Prosecutor

DEWEY BOZMAN
Community Activist/Political Leader

HILBERT BRADLEY
Attorney/Historian/Community Activist

W. D. BREWER
Entertainment Promoter

VALERIE ALLEN-BROADNAX
Funeral Director

AVERY BROOKS
Orator/Actor/Director

CHARLES BROOKS
3rd District School Board Member/Attorney

JOSEPHINE BROOKS
School Board Member-at-Large/Labor Leader

CHARLIE BROWN
Indiana Black Legislative Caucus Member/State
Representative/Educator

MARY BROWN
Township Board Member, 3rd District Councilperson

ROBERT "BOB" BUCK
Froebel Track Star

WILLIAM "BILL" BURRIS
Former Councilman, 4th Ward,
Gary Council/Constable



Alyce Butler

ALYCE BUTLER
NIPSCO Executive/Community Activist

WILLIE BYRD JR.
Business Owner/Community Activist

NATE CAIN
Tyson Lincoln-Mercury Car Dealer

LEE CALHOUN
Champion Olympic Hurdler

JOHN CAMPBELL
Educator/Roosevelt Track Coach

PERCY CANTY
Co-owner of El Frio Beverage Company

A. H. CARDWELL
Attorney/Deputy Prosecutor

D. T. CARDWELL
Physician/Political Activist

JULIA CARSON
US House Representative, 105th Congress

CLARENCE CARTER
Amvets Post #6 Founder

MORRIS CARTER
Lake County Recorder/County Councilman

YJEAN CHAMBERS
Ph.D., Retired Professor, Purdue University Calumet/
Purdue Calumet Hall of Fame Inductee/Communicator

GENE CHAMPION
Business Owner/Educator

JOSEPH CHAPMAN
Urban League's Executive Secretary

PATRICK E. CHAVIS JR.
Indiana Black Legislative Caucus Member/Senator



Kyle Allen, Sr.

ALEX CHERRY
6th District Councilman/Fireman

WILLIE J. CHERRY
Former Gary Fire Chief

DAVID CHUBE SR.
Physician/Board Member of the State Commission for
Higher Learning

MELVIN CLARK
Hospital Administrator/Community Activist

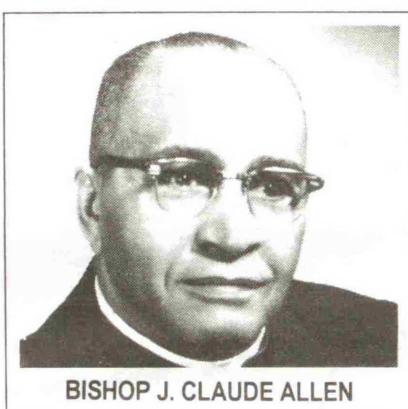
GEORGE COKER
Executive Director of the Urban League/Community
Activist

DARNELL COLE
Ph.D., Educator, Chancellor of Ivy Tech State College

BEN COLEMAN
Business Owner/President, Board of Trustees, Gary
Public Library

F. W. COLEMAN
Former Pastor, Pilgrim Baptist Church/Past President,
Indiana Baptist Convention

HENRY COLEMAN
Co-owner of El Frio Beverage Company
Community Leader



BISHOP J. CLAUDE ALLEN

JOHNNIE COLEMAN
Minister/Educator

ESSIE COLLINS
Retired NBD Bank Executive

W. W. COOK
Architect for Memorial Auditorium

BEN CRESWELL
Funeral Director/Cab Company Owner

WILLIMENA CRISPE
Community Activist/President of the Federation of
Colored Women Club

LARRY CROUCH
Former Councilman, 3rd District,
Gary Council

CHARLENE CROWELL
Governmental Administrator/Freelance Journalist

THOMAS CRUMP
Councilman-at-Large/Assessor/Business Owner

CLARENCE CURRY
Court Administrator/Community Activist

BOYCE DANIELS
5th District School Board Member/Business Owner/
Community Activist

CHUCK DANZY
Jazz Musician

GLORIA McCARROL DAVIS
Ph.D./Director of Opportunities Program at Mitsubishi

ISAAC DAVIS
Calumet Township Trustee Board Member

WILLIAM DAVIS
Educator/Electronics Business Owner

CARRIE DAWSON
Educator/Principal

BOBBY DEMBY
President of Local #1014

LEONARD DOUGLAS
Educator/Coach

JESSE DUNGY SR.
Tailor/Businessman

THURMAN ELDRIDGE
Froebel Star Football Player/Calumet Township
Trustee Board Member/Educator

JOE ENGLISH
Businessman

PHARIS EVANS
Pastor & Builder of Clark Road Baptist Church

BARBARA FARRAR
Founder of Marion Home for Pregnant Teens

IDELLA FIGGURES
Community Activist/President, African American
Cultural Center, Inc.

RAYFIELD FISHER
State Representative/Community Activist

THOMAS FLOYD
Artist/Roosevelt Star Track Runner

BOB FREELAND
Froebel Star Basketball Player/State Representative/
City Councilman/County Recorder

OSCAR FREEMAN
Pastor, Church of God in Christ/Indiana Bishop

MATTIE PEARL GARNER
Political Activist

IDA L. GARNETT
Community Activist

JAMES GARNETT
Ph.D., Preacher/Educator

JOHN "ROCK" GANT
Froebel Star Football Player

ROBERT "BOUNCE" GANT
Froebel Star Football Player

HARRY & JESSIE GATLIN, SR.
Business Owners

ELOISE GENTRY
Educator/Business Owner/President of Urban League

TOM GILLESPIE SR.
Ford Franchise Dealer

RENALDO GLOVER
Vice President, TLC Beatrice International

SELMA GORDON
Executive Director of Northwest Indiana Food Bank

ADRIAN GOUDÉAU
Business Owner/Humanitarian

CHARLES GRADDICK
Attorney/City Judge

B. F. GRANT
Physician/Community Activist

BESSIE BYRD GRIGGS
Gary Pioneer

DOUGLAS GRIMES
Attorney/City Judge

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Political Activist

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Educator/Community Activist

CARRY HACKADY
Activist

EMMA HALL
Clothier

HANSAL HALL
Diplomat

JOYCE HALL
Calumet Township Trustee Board Member



Charlene Crowell

NATHAN HALL
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LEON HAMILTON
6th District Councilman/Policeman

AL HAMMONDS
NBD Bank Executive

ROZELLE HAMMONDS
Pastor/Business Owner

WILBUR HARDAWAY
City Councilman, 5th Ward

EARL HARRIS
State Representative, 2nd District

FRED "KIDD" HARRIS
Publisher, Gary American Newspaper

JEWELL HARRIS
State Representative/Business Owner/Field
Representative, US Workers of America

JOEL HARRIS
President of Calumet Township Trustee Board,
Political Activist

J. T. & IMOGENE HARRIS
Owners, INFO Newspaper & Harris Printing

SKEETER HART
Musician/Composer

MARY JANE HATFIELD
Community Activist/President, Federated of
Colored Women Club

CALVIN HAWKINS
Chairman of Republican Central Committee/Attorney

CHARLES HAWKINS
Pastor, First Baptist Church

JAMES HAWKINS
Ph.D., Superintendent of Gary Schools

HALLIE HAYES
Political Leader/Activist

ROOSEVELT HAYWOOD JR.
Insurance Agent/2nd District Councilman

GERALD HAYES
Former Councilman, 2nd District, Gary Council

RON HEFLIN
Educator/Coach

DOBBIE HICKS
Business Owner/Entertainment Promoter

HOWARD H. HILL
Deputy Prosecutor/City Attorney

JOSEPH HILL
Calumet Township Trustee Board Member

WILLIAM HOLDEN
Business Owner/Cobbler

ALFONSO HOLIDAY JR.
Physician/Member, Gary Community School Board

COBY HOWARD
Chief of Gary Police Department

BRUCE AND VICTOR HOWER
Funeral Directors/Community Activists

ARTHUR HOYLE
Musician/Entertainer

POOKIE HUDSON & THE SPANIELS
Singers/Entertainers

CHARLES "CHUCK" HUGHES
Councilman-At-Large/Fireman

AL "BUDDY" HUTCHINSON
Businessman/Philanthropist

EARMAN IRONS JR.
Business Administrator, CEO of a
Steel Processing Company

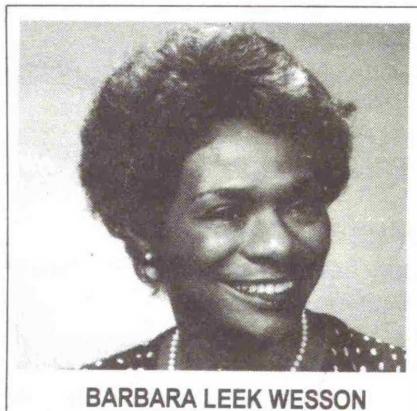
GERALD IRONS
Professional Football Player

F. BRANNAN JACKSON
Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church/President, Indiana
Baptist Convention

DORIS JACKSON
Business Owner

L. K. JACKSON
Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church/Civil Rights Activist

MICHAEL JACKSON & FAMILY
Entertainers/Singers



BARBARA LEEK WESSON

THEODIUS WEBB JACKSON
Businessperson

JULIUS JAMES
Pastor, Community Activist

ALBERT JENKINS
Froebel Star Football Player/Business Owner/Grocer

MABLE JENKINS
Business Owner/Grocer

ARNOLD JOHNSON
Physician/Founder of Obstetrics Clinic

GLADYS JOHNSON
Educator/Principal

JOHN JOHNSON
Business Owner

L. B. JOHNSON
Physician

BOBBY JOINER
Former Gary Fire Chief

ROBERT JONES
3rd District School Board Member/Educator

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Chief Deputy, Calumet Township Trustee

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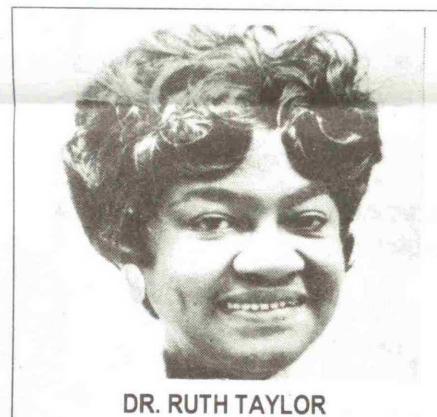
IDA B. KING
Educator/Historian

CHARLES KIRKLAND
Realtor/Business Owner

CLORIUS LAY
Attorney/Councilman-At-Large/4th District School
Board Member

DOROTHY LEAVELL
Publisher, Gary & Chicago Crusader/President, NNPA

DONALD LEEK
Athletic Director of Gary Community Schools



DR. RUTH TAYLOR

SANDRA LEEK
Director of Civil Rights Commission/Attorney

ANTHONY LEWIS
Physician/Business Owner

E. D. LEWIS
Former Pastor, Galilee Baptist Church/Community
Leader

TRACY LEWIS
Youngest African American Lake County Prosecuting
Attorney

VALERIE LEVY
Secretary, Calumet Township Trustee Board

AMISON LOVELL
Business Owner

REV. DR. ROBERT LOWERY
Pastor of St. Timothy Community Church/
Community Activist

OTHO LYLES III
Chairman of Republican City Central Committee/
Business Owner

LEON LYNCH
Labor Leader/American Steelworkers of America

FRED MACKEY
Business Owner/Philanthropist

FRED MARBERRY
Professional Basketball Player

CHARLIE MASON
Political Activist/Candidate for Mayor

RIXIE McCARROLL
Fire Chief/Community Activist

D. FORREST McCCLAIN
Entertainment Promoter

CLARENCE "PRO" McCLAM
Boxer/Entertainer

LLOYD McCLENDON
Professional Baseball Player/Community Activist

SHERYLYN FREELAND McCRADY
Governor Liaison Officer/Business Owner

AGGENORA McDANIELS SUMRALL
Community/Political Activist

GLORIA McGEE
Chief Deputy, CTT/Humanitarian

HENRY McHENRY
Pastor/Realtor

BRUCE McKENZIE
Gary Community School Board President

WILLIAM McPHERSON
Coach/Olympic Swimmer

LARRY McWAY
President of Steelworkers Local #1014

JOHNNY McWILLIAMS
Calumet Township Trustee Board Member

THELMA MARSHALL
Humanitarian

WILLIAM MARSHALL JR.
Actor/Lecturer

WILLIAM MARSHALL SR.
Dentist

EDWARD MATTHEWS
Pharmacist

ANDREW MEANS
Builder/Contractor

DOLLY MILLENDER
School Board Member/Councilwoman-At-Large

PAUL MILLER
Painter/Business Owner

DAVAGE MINOR
Professional Basketball Player

CLIFFORD MINTON
Executive Director of the Urban League/Community
Activist/Journalist

DAVID MITCHELL
Former Councilman, 4th District, Gary Council

JAMES "RED" MITCHELL, SR.
Pioneer Business Owner

R. T. MITCHELL
Pastor, New Revelation Baptist Church

TROY MONTGOMERY
Lake County Councilman/Labor Activist



Dolly Millender

JOHN MOORE
Froebel Star Basketball Player/Attorney

LUTHER MOORE
Druggist/Business Owner

WILLIE MOORE
President of Steelworkers Local #1014

RANDALL MORGAN SR.
Druggist/Business Owner/Community Activist

EDNA MORRIS
Educator/Community Activist

CORNELIUS "SHAG" MORTON
Business Owner

CAROLYN BROWN-MOSBY
Indiana Black Legislative Caucus Member/
Representative/Senator

SHEILA MOSS
Judge, Lake Superior Court

VIRGIL MOTLEY
Chief of Gary Police Department

JOHNNIE MOTT
Musician

WILLIAM MOTT
Lake County Coroner/Physician

ROBERT "BOB" NICHOLS
Froebel Star Basketball Player

CLARA GUSTER NICHOLSON
Community/Political Activist
City Chairperson of Republican Precinct Organization

MONTAGUE OLIVER
Educator/Member of Gary School Board

KELLEE PATTERSON
Actor

T. J. PATTON
Builder/Contractor

BENJAMIN PERRY
Former Gary Fire Chief

HARRY PHILLIPS
Plastering Contractor

MAMON POWERS
Builder/Contractor

JAMES PRESTON
Gary Pioneer

MAURICE PRESTON
Insurance Executive

MICHAEL PRESTON
Gary Pioneer

JEROME PRINCE
5th District Councilman

FORREST PRUITT
Business Owner

ELOISE PUTNAM
Proprietor of Beauty Salona

JIMMY REED
Musician/Blues Singer

LEO REESE
Pastor/Educator

EZELL REEVES
Hospital Administrator/Bank Executive



Earline Rogers

GLENN "BIG DOG" ROBINSON
Professional Basketball Player

ARTHUR "SCHOOL BOY" ROGERS
Business Owner

CAROLYN ROGERS
4th District Councilperson

EARLINE ROGERS
Indiana Black Legislative Caucus Member/Senator

T. P. ROSS
Community Activist

CLEVELAND ROUSTER
4th District Councilman/Community Activist

IRENE FULLER-RUCKS
Business Owner

MICHAEL SCOTT
Director of Youth Services/6th District School Board Member

ARTHUR SEASE, SR.
Pioneer Business Owner

MILDRED SHANNON
Councilwoman-At-Large/Chief Deputy, Calumet Township
Trustee/Chairwoman of Democratic Central Committee

JACKIE SHROPSHIRE
Attorney/Corporate Council for Gary

ANDREW SMITH SR.
County Councilman/Funeral Director

FELICIA FLOWERS SMITH
Attorney/Bond Counsel

QUENTIN SMITH
Former Councilman, 3rd District, Gary Council

THEODOSSIA JACKSON SMITH
Business Owner/Grocer/Community Leader

WILLIAM SMITH
Lake County Councilman, 3rd District/Court Administrator

VERNON G. SMITH
City Councilman/Assistant Professor at IUN/Indiana Black
Legislative Caucus Member/State Representative/
Community Activist

PAUL STEPHENS
Dentist/Business Owner

CURTIS STRONG
Labor Leader/Civil Rights Activist

MELVIN STROUD JR.
Froebel Star Track Runner

PAUL STUBBLEFIELD
Calumet Township Constable/Community Activist

CLEO SUGGS
Community & Political Activist

CHARLES SURNEY
Business Owner, Paint Store

GEORGE TALIAFERRO
IUN Professional Football Player

C. H. TAYLOR
50 Years as Pastor of Christian Valley Church

CHARLENA TAYLOR
Educator/Newspaper Columnist

RAY TAYLOR
Orthodontist/Assistant Pastor of Christian Valley Church



Robert White

JAMES "JIM" TINSLEY
Froebel Star Football Player

ERNEST THOMAS
Television Actor

W. H. THOMAS
Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church for 50 Years

DONALD "PIE" THOMPSON
Froebel High School Football & Basketball Player

D. W. TURNER
Pioneer Obstetrician

NATHAN VANN
5th District Councilman/Grocer

RODNEY WARD
Artist

ANNIE E. WASHINGTON
Community Activist

WILLIE WATKINS
Business Owner

BERNARD WATSON
Ph.D., Tempe University/Urban League

BARBARA WESSON
Gary City Clerk

CLEO WESSON
Longest Serving Councilman, 5th District

CHARLES "SPIKE" WHITE
Buick Franchise Dealer

ROBERT WHITE
2nd District Councilman

WALTER WILEY
Assistant Superintendent of
Gary Community Schools/Businessman

ALEXANDER WILLIAMS JR.
Business Owner

DENISE WILLIAMS
Entertainer/Singer

JEFF WILLIAMS
Director of Gary Chamber of Commerce

MARION WILLIAMS
Educator, Community Activist, Entrepreneur

WILLIE WILLIAMS
Olympic Star/Educator

VERNON WILLIAMS
Journalist/Radio Announcer

DONNIE WILLIAMSON
Fireman/Entertainer

FRED WILLIAMSON
Actor/Professional Football Player

HENRY WILLIAMSON
Minister/Orator/Community Leader/Founder of One
Church, One School Program

BENJAMIN WILSON
5th District Councilman/Attorney

HOLLIE WINTERS
Builder/Contractor

LILLIAN YOUNG
Director of Welfare Department/Community Activist



Jerome Prince

How well do you know your **GARY BLACK HISTORY?**

How many of the FORTUNE "400" can you identify?



In our attempt to compile this booklet of African American History Makers we admit to omissions that we are not aware of. If you have names and information about local African American History Makers, please submit their name along with documentation in writing to the following address by November 2000.

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